

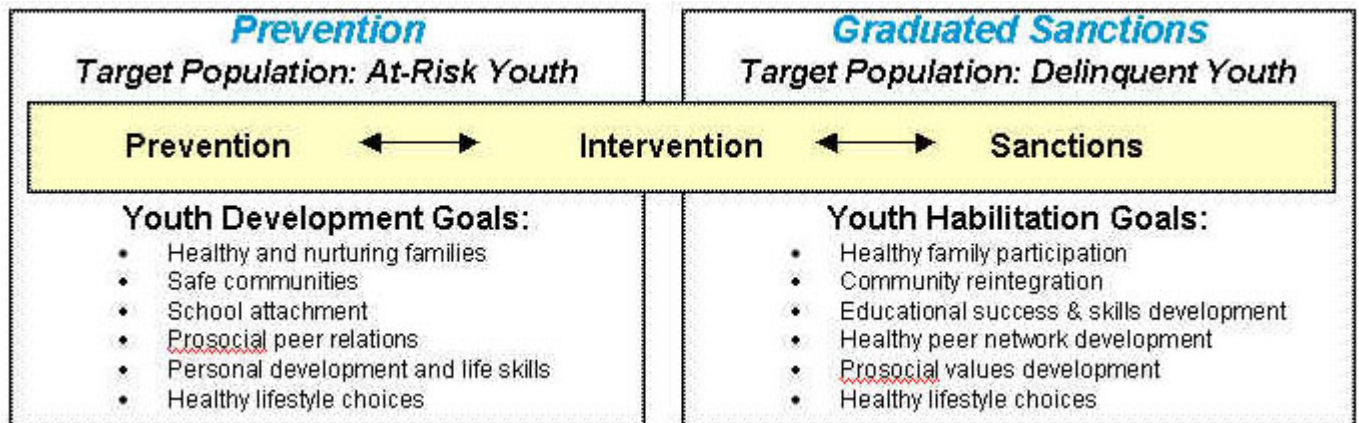
## Child Welfare/Juvenile Justice Youth Development Purpose and Goals

The juvenile justice youth development program purpose is to assist the state to establish and operate youth development programs; provide for greater accountability in the juvenile justice system; implement a results framework that promotes youth development; and comply with the JJDP core requirements regarding the deinstitutionalization of status offenders, sight and sound separation of adults and juveniles in secure facilities, prohibitions on the use of adult jails to hold juveniles and the disproportionate confinement of minority youth.

A goal of this joint effort is for communities to look across the continuum (see below) to see where and how community change should occur and to craft one comprehensive multi-year youth development course of action that:

- Identifies and prioritizes community risk factors/deficits
- Describes how to best spend existing resources and where to find additional support
- Charts the growth and development of programs and services based on best practices research
- Utilizes information technology to enhance effectiveness in working with youth and families
- Defines the roles of many separate local planning groups with similar goals - "Collaborate the Collaborations"

### Juvenile Justice Youth Development Strategy



Youth development and youth habilitation strategies include research-based ways to address substance abuse, delinquency and youth violence, truancy, school safety, teenage pregnancy, family support, youth employment, education success, and more. This program does not prescribe specific programs or approaches; rather, it provides funding to locally- developed plans that flow from the experience, assessments, and priorities of local agencies and key leaders and that fit with the service systems and initiatives that have evolved within communities in unique ways over the years.